Remarks

The above amendment is made in order to correct an inadvertent error. Further, on page 2 of the Instant Application, reference is made to Figure 5 and, inasmuch as this application has only four (4) figures, the erroneous reference has been deleted. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by the above.
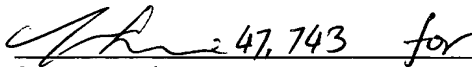
Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested and examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification

The paragraph at page 2, lines 11-12 has been amended as follows:

[Figure 5 is a flow chart of a method for checking a user's authorization to run a tool after receiving a tool execution request from the user.]

The paragraph beginning at page 8, line 13, has been amended as follows:

Tool execution may start with a request from the user 210 to run a tool 240 on one or more nodes 130. The request may include task information, such as the name of the tool to be run, the location of the tool, the nodes on which to run the tool, and required arguments of the tool, if any. An example of tool execution is described in United States patent application of Lister, Sanchez, Drees, and Finz, entitled "Service Control Manager Tool Execution." [, and filed on the same day herewith, which is incorporated herein by reference.]

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